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Mr. John O'Neill
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

It was a pleasure to speak with you about the Oxford Houses that you have developed. Thank you for your willingness to share information with our program. As we discussed on the phone, a number of our patients are residing in an Oxford House while in outpatient treatment for drug/alcohol dependence. Other patients who have successfully completed treatment here continue to reside at an Oxford House. These homes provide a healthy and supportive environment for those patients which greatly facilitates their recovery process. In fact, we encourage many of our patients to consider moving into an Oxford House as part of their treatment recommendations.

I firmly believe that these living arrangements are a critical factor in determining whether these patients are able to succeed in our program. Even the most highly motivated individual's treatment will be shaky if he/she resides within an alcohol/drug abusing environment.

I look forward to receiving your information about the Oxford Houses. After a review of these materials we may want to contact you to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of those persons seeking recovery from addiction.

Sincerely,

Jean Hartsock

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